

LUCKY BREAK GIVES PHILLY TEAM SUCCESSFUL START IN BATTLE FOR 1916 PENNANT

PHILLIES RUT HOODOO WITH LUCKY BREAK AND START ON ANOTHER PENNANT CAMPAIGN

Despite Presentation of Gifts, Moran's Men Cross Well-Known Jinx and Chase It to Giants—Gale Robs Athletics

THE Phillies laid the cornerstone for another pennant yesterday when they upset all precedent, ruined a perfectly good jinx, made a well-known hoodoo walk the plank and won a ball game on pure unadulterated luck.

History tells us—and it can be proved according to the granddoodle—that a player who receives the conventional traveling bag, chest of silver, floral horseshoes or other gifts before or during the game generally shows his appreciation by striking out or making many errors in the field.

Hoodoo is Banished in the First Round They lined up around the home plate, posed for pictures and suddenly the line spread out in the form of a horseshoe.

Of course, the assassination of the hoodoo was the big feature of the day, but the mighty Alexander and his deadly firing arm also came in for part of the glory.

Federal Players Feature in Phils' Victory The Federal League played an important part in the Phils' victory. Anderson, who started on the mound, remained in the game long enough for the home folks to score a brace of runs, and Hariden, the catcher, muffed a couple of pitches and made a wild throw which helped the Champs considerably.

Stroud's two wild days in the last inning looked to be the result of crossed wires, mixed signals or something like that. One ball went through Hariden and the other shot over his head.

Gale Ruins Sensational Debut A gale of wind, blowing from the northeast, prevented Lawton Witt, Mack's 18-year-old school boy shortstop, from staging one of the most sensational debuts recorded in major league ball in many years.

Two men were out in the sixth inning with runners on second and third and the Red Sox leading the Mackmen by the score of 2 to 1 when Witt stepped to the plate.

Witt stood up to the plate swinging his bat in the careless confident manner which is characteristic of the youngster and when Foster tried to "sneak" the third strike across Witt met the ball fairly.

Look What Might Have Happened! If there's that little word again there had been no wind or the gale had been with the ball, Witt would have earned the unusual distinction of breaking into the big league by winning the opening game with a circuit smash, as it would have been an easy home run if the ball had gotten over Walker's head.

It is rather early to be pulling the hard luck all and we pulled it once while the Mackmen were down South, but there is no other way to tell just why the world's champions triumphed over the lowly Mackmen yesterday.

Charles Pick Starts the Trouble Charley Pick, whose sensational work was easily the feature of the game, started the trouble for Bush, and gave Boston its first run when he made a two-base wild throw on Hoblitzel in the sixth inning after cleanly fielding a hard-hit ball.

What proved to be the winning run for the Sox was tallied in the seventh. Barry opened this inning by beating out an infield hit to Crane, who played the ball poorly.

One must agree with Manager Mack, who said after the game, "We surely were outlucked, but it is no time to be thinking about that. Yesterday's game is gone. We must forget it and go after them again today. The boys certainly looked fine to me, and surely not like a second division team, if they can keep fighting like they did yesterday."

Greystock Wins Without Firing a Shot The Crescent Basketball Club, of the Interstate League, surrendered unconditionally to Greystock, Eastern League pennant winners for this season, without a shot being exchanged.

It is unfortunate that after having once entered the series the Paterson five should have refused to play. But this might have been expected because of the lax methods employed by the Eastern League officials.

Havana No Place for Olympic Games Havana, Cuba, along with Antwerp, Lyons and Amsterdam, is trying to land the Olympic games for 1928.

Antwerp, Lyons and Amsterdam no doubt could handle the games in good style, but not Havana. Not only is the climate of Havana not conducive to field and track athletics even for a short period, but the city itself could not entertain the athletes or handle the crowds as they should be handled.

CORNELL STAR BALL TOSSERS



HOME RUN KINGS MAKE THEIR BOW IN SCHOOL TILTS

Ridpath, Hartman and Brennan Circle Bases in Three Local Games

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Scholastic Baseball Schedule for Today

Germanstown High vs. Friends' Central, at Friends' Central. Philadelphia Textile vs. School of Pedagogy, at North Philadelphia. Upper Darby High vs. Ridley Park High School, at Ridley Park. Southern High vs. Northeast High Freshmen, at Northeast High.

The schoolboys have had their days for no-hit games; they have taken part in those early "comedy of errors" in which the last column of the official box score sheet showed a greater total than either the hit or run figures and yesterday, in the three local games, home runs were the feature.

When Northeast High defeated Penn Charter School, 7 to 2, Captain Ridpath landed on the ball over center field, which sent the ball deep to left center field. This was in the seventh inning. Northeast showed surprising strength in the game with the Yellow and Blue, the initial contest of the season.

When the Germanstown High School freshmen defeated Central High fresh in the initial Freshman League game, 8 to 5, at Houston Field yesterday afternoon, Hartman, the Central High center fielder, hit the ball well over center field's head for a home run in the fourth inning.

Perhaps the neatest home run of the afternoon was made by Ad Brennan, of Le Salle College star, when Le Salle triumphed over Philadelphia College of Pharmacy by a tally of 14 to 8, on Victor Field. Brennan stepped up to the plate with the bases full. It was the very first inning. He soaked the ball over center fielders' head, clearing the bases and crossing the plate for the fourth run.

Donny McNichol, having excelled in basketball in his new making, received in basketball at Le Salle College. He landed on the ball with the skill of a major leagueer yesterday afternoon. Healer, Panzillo and Greenlee also played in midseason form.

Sliter, the Penn Charter pitcher, did clever work on the mound for the Yellow and Blue, but with Rogers on the pitching end, Penn Charter lost the game with Northeast, but Coach Dick Merritt did not use Sliter because he is holding them in reserve for the Intercollegiate League game tomorrow.

Two straight for the Penn freshmen! Yesterday the Red Sox and Blue Sox from the Western Military Institute nine at Westcott, Pa. The first-year students are making quite an exhibit on the diamond this season. On Saturday they play Lawrenceville School, of Lawrenceville, N. J.

Haverford School made a good showing in the contest with the strong Princeton Preparatory nine at Haverford yesterday. The Princeton boys, led by Lewis and Humphreys were on the post for the Main Line series. It was Haverford School's opening game.

Episcopal Academy's team will have to make a keen comeback if the Churchmen are to figure in the Interstate League races this season for Coach Libe Washburne in their game with Swarthmore Preparatory yesterday. Nine errors were chalked up by Swarthmore winning 21 to 8. It is the high record score so far this season.

Brown Preparatory made a very good showing in the game with Villanova yesterday. It was nip and tuck, both squads showing good, more outdoor practice. The Main Line won 6 to 0.

Johnson, who pitched for Episcopal against the Swarthmore yesterday was almost as good as the Churchmen were careless, for he gave 13 passes and the batters saw the easiest way to get on base. Johnson's error, which he committed in the eighth inning, which he committed in the eighth inning, which he committed in the eighth inning.

Cheltenham High does not play basketball, but the Elkins Park athletes showed that they were on top in the basketball field, opening the season with an 11 to 1 win over their old rivals, Johnson's High. The Elkins Park team showed weakness at the plate, securing only two straight hits.

RICKARD TRIED TO BRIBE COMMISSION, SAYS WENCK

Promoter Wanted to Give \$1500 "Present," Declares Chairman

NEW YORK, April 12.—An attempt by Tex Rickard, promoter of the recent Willard-Moran fight, to pay money to the State Boxing Commission has been made known by Fred A. Wenck, chairman of the commission.

"Mack Curley acted as go-between," said Wenck. "He brought \$1500 to me, saying that it was a present from Rickard. I sent the money back to Rickard and personally informed him that I would have nothing to do with it."

"We inquired fully into the Show Corporation when it made its application, and we were convinced that there was no way by which the Boozes could be withdrawn. We were backed up in this stand by the Attorney General."

Why Tex Rickard did not personally apply for a license to hold the recent fight instead of the Show Corporation, could not be stated by Wenck. Wenck at this point pictured Rickard as the ebullient man that has ever appeared in the boxing game in this State.

GAFFEY WANTS TO BUY PITTSBURGH CLUB, IS REPORT

Former Boston Owner in New York After Another Ball Team

NEW YORK, April 13.—A report was current last night that James E. Gaffney, former owner of the Boston Braves, is trying to buy the Pittsburgh Pirates from Barney Dreyfuss.

Dreyfuss was in the city yesterday and attended the opening game at Ebbets' Field with President Tener and John Heydler, secretary of the league.

Gaffney sold his Boston club to Percy Haughton, the famous Harvard football coach, and a syndicate of Boston business men several months ago.

Since that time, however, he has been trying to buy one of the other National League clubs, and even went after the Giants, with Harry F. Sinclair, the former Federal League owner.

Burman Given Silent Toast WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—A silent toast to "Bob" Burman, the speed king, who was killed in a race at Carnegie Field, was given at the conclusion of a banquet of the Washington branch of the Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association at the Elbert Hotel here.

Horse Kicks Pitcher Neyland WEST POINT, N. Y., April 12.—Bob Neyland, crack twirler of the Army baseball team, probably will not play in the game Saturday with Harvard, owing to an injury received when he was kicked by a horse while at drill. Although not seriously hurt, he has been unable to practice.

Coast Crews Invited to Meet NEW YORK, April 13.—Officers of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association said an invitation to compete at the Pomona Regatta, which would be extended to the University of Washington crew if the Columbia crew declines, is to be made to the Hudson June 15. An invitation has already been extended to Stanford University, regardless of its defeat at the hands of Washington last week.

Reulbach to Play With Braves NEW YORK, April 13.—As the result of a baseball conference held at National League headquarters yesterday between President Tener, Percy D. Haughton, Boston, Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburgh, and Patrick T. Powers, representing the Federal League interests, Pitcher Ed Reulbach will play with the Boston Nationals this year.

AD SWIGLER TO PITCH AGAINST CORNELL NINE

Penn Plays Ithaca's in Latter's Final Spring Trip Series

The University of Pennsylvania nine will meet Cornell in the latter's final fray of its annual spring trip on Franklin Field this afternoon. The Ithacans arrived here early today from Annapolis, where the Navy boys took them into camp yesterday afternoon by a score of 5 to 2.

The Red and White has been handicapped greatly by the lack of outdoor practice on account of the recent weather conditions, and the players have not as yet hit their stride. Coach Al Sharpe, who is with the team, will give his men a spirited work-out previous to the contest.

Ad Swigler, former Southern High and Episcopal Academy star, probably will do the hurling for Penn. The local lad has a lot of stuff and it is probable he will be the Quakers' most dependable twirler this season.

Olsen may pitch for Cornell. The probable line-up: CORNELL: Sauters, 2b; Moore, 3b; Burpee, cf; Todd, 2b; Conroy, cf; Smith, 1b; Clark, c; Sullivan, 1r; Ludwig, 1b; Strubbe, 1r; Valentine, 1r; Martin, ss; Walters, 1r; Swigler, 2b; Olsen, p.

PLAY FOR DOUBLES TITLE

Seven Teams Compete in New York Court Tennis Tourney

NEW YORK, April 13.—Play for the national court tennis championship doubles began this morning at the Racquet and Tennis Club. Seven teams are in the hunt for the title now held by Jay Gould and W. H. T. Hulth. The champions were drawn in their first-round match, which started this morning at 10 o'clock, against W. B. Dinsmore and S. G. Mortimer.

The other matches scheduled for today are C. S. Cutting and Lawrence Waterbury vs. Wilson Potter and D. L. Hutchison, at noon; and P. Stockton and D. P. Rhoads vs. Charles E. Sands and Payne Whitney, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. Crane and G. R. Fearing drew a bye and will not have to play until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when they will meet the winner of the Stockton and Rhoads-Sands and Whitney match.

Electricity Wins Soccer Semi

Electric Storage Battery, champions of the Industrial Soccer League, defeated Hoblitzel after playing two extra 15-minute periods in the semifinal round of the Hoblitzel Challenge Cup tournament yesterday afternoon by the score of 2 goals to 0.

Davis Is Penn Tennis Candidate

Captain Reulbach has his Penn tennis man race on the law school course for the first time this season. "Spide" Davis, the California star, has returned, and stated he will be able to play for the Red and Blue this season.

RACES

Have de Grace, April 15 to 20, inclusive, except Sunday. Special Train Lv. 12.45 P. M. Returning after races. BALTIMORE & OHIO

ANOTHER STAR CARD

SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT NATIONAL A. C. NATIONAL A. C. Frankie Conifor vs. Stanley Biechke SHAMUS O'BRIEN vs. DARRY CARVER FRANKIE FLEMING vs. LEO VINCENT HARRY DONOHUE vs. JOHNNY NELSON

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK

Phillies vs. New York "Giants" Game at 8:30 P. M. Admission 25c. Gate receipts, \$1. On sale at Gintels' and Spaulding's.

Quaker City A. A.

49th and Washington, Lecher, Mer. FRIDAY, April 14, 8:30 P. M. FIGHTING BOB vs. LEO VINCENT

Baseball Is With Us Again; This Proves It

ALEXANDER BENDER GOOD STOCK CHALMERS DEMAREE KILLEFER PASKERT RIXEY BYRNE McQUILLAN MAYER BURNS BANCROFT NIEHOFF OESCHGER LUDERUS CRAVATH WHITT DUGEY ADAMS —Bernard Marks.

Jones to Play Heel The next to the last Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard League game will be played in the city tonight at the Pleasant Academy, when Frank Jones meets Ed Jones of Toledo.

Andrews Is Billiard Champion H. J. Andrews won the 15-2 ball line championship of the Athletic Club of Philadelphia, by defeating Ed Leaver last night, by the score of 100 to 95.

Penn Lacrosse Team Plays Navy The U. P. Lacrosse team left at 8:38 o'clock this morning for Annapolis, where it will play the first game of the season against the Midshipmen. The teaming took the trip, including Deane, Jurkovic, Carrill, Cain, Derrick, Smith, Clark, Hagan, Jones, Kessler, Kugel, Mentley, Page and Seaver.

Lehigh Lacrosse Team Wins SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., April 12.—In the first local lacrosse game of the season, Lehigh trimmed Cornell yesterday, 5 to 4.

Maloney to Be Dined BY FRIENDS HERE MAY 4 Amateur Champion Returns After Successful Tour Abroad

Johnny Maloney, amateur 125-pound champion of the world, will arrive in Philadelphia tomorrow evening. Preparations have been under way to give him a royal welcome and there will be three hands at Broad Street Station to meet him. St. Rita's Catholic Club, of which he is a member, and his friends will give a banquet in his honor at the Walton Hotel on May 4.

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Nature Baffles Science!

THE dumbest oyster can make a better pearl than the brightest man. The oyster uses Nature's methods.

NATURE says smoking tobacco is at its best after two years' curing.

There may be quicker ways and cheaper ways to cure tobacco. But we believe in Nature's way—the VELVET way—two years' mellowing in big wooden hogsheads.

Just fill a pipe with VELVET, and draw in the cool, mild smoke that's so fragrant and rich that—but what is the use of trying to describe a taste?

Take our word for VELVET long enough to try a pipeful, and you won't need to take anybody's word after that.



10c Tins 5c Metal-lined Glass One Pound Glass Humidor

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—AND, AS E. J. MAC-ONE-GILL, THE BUDDING SPRING POET, SAID, "THE FINAL SCORE WAS FIVE TO FOUR"

A series of comic panels with dialogue. Panel 1: 'THIS IS THE VEHICLE WHICH BROUGHT ME TO THE GAME'. Panel 2: 'I RUSHED INTO IT WITHOUT DEPOSITING THE USUAL COIN. THE CONDUCTOR HOLLERED, "FAIR!" I HOLLERED BACK, "YES, BUT IT'S A LITTLE WINDY!" THEN I HADDA GET OFF AND WALK.' Panel 3: 'ARROW INDICATES ME VIEWING THE ACTION FROM THE GRAND STAND.' Panel 4: 'PRETTY SOON A FOUL BALL WAS KNOCKED IN MY DIRECTION. THE USHER CAME OVER AND SAID, "HEY, HAVE YOU GOT THE BALL?" I SAID, "NO BUT I GOT A LUMP ON MY SKULL (OR HEAD) THAT'S WHERE I CAUGHT IT.' Panel 5: 'THEN THE BAND STRUCK UP A TUNE.' Panel 6: 'THE MAN NEXT TO ME SAID, "THAT'S WHAT YA CALL EXHILTRATING MUSIC, AINT IT?" I SAID, "I DON'T KNOW BROTHER; BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE RAG-TIME MUSIC TO ME. AND IT DID.' Panel 7: 'WHEN THE GAME WAS COMPLETED WE DEPARTED JUBILANTLY—BUT'. Panel 8: 'A GLOOMY "GIANT" FAN PRESENTED AN "ALIBI". HE SAID NEW YORK WAS A SICKLY TEAM. I SAID, "HOW'S THAT?" HE SAID, "YOU COULD HEAR THEIR KAUFF ALL WINTER! THAT CLIMAXED THE DAY."